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Majority prices were higher in the West, unchanged in the East, mostly higher in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the West and Midwest, mostly steady elsewhere. Demand was seasonally slow to moderate, instances good for fast food; however, more traditional holiday items moved best. Supplies were usually sufficient for the light demand. Processing schedules for this week are part time in observance of Thanksgiving Day. In the parts structure, wings were balanced to tight and clearing, along with livers and gizzards. Breast items were readily available and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/24/03-11/28/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	61.00-64.00	62.15	13	64.71
Chicago	56.00-59.00	58.91	36	61.69
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	59.83
Denver	73.50	73.31	12	72.84
Detroit	56.00-58.00	58.91	11	62.68
Los Angeles	74.00	72.76	50	72.69
New York	60.00-63.00	61.13	23	62.81
Philadelphia	59.50-62.00	60.58	12	59.93
Pittsburgh	60.00-62.00	61.08	12	64.58
St. Louis	58.25-58.50	58.18	24	58.49
San Francisco	74.50	73.12	26	79.13

Composite Weighted Average

LOADS	11/24/03	Change/Last Wk	11/17/03	11/25/02
508	66.02	1.23	64.79	53.36

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	62.50-64.00	63.62	32
Central	58.00-66.50	63.94	57
West	62.00-66.00	65.96	32

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	67.50-69.00	68.10	70
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,010	56.00-71.50	67.35

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	198.00	1,414
BREASTS - B/S	169.50	5,609
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50	1,594
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00	1,027
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	8,289
WINGS	98.00	2,967

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was cautious and selective as dealers attempted to keep floor stocks in close balance with the seasonally light demand. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available. The balance of cuts ranged adequate to balanced.

NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment mixed, but mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was limited as Thanksgiving Day nears and interest for holiday items continued. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. Processing schedules for this week are part time with plants mostly running three or four days, some on Saturday. In the structure, movement was fair. Wings were balanced to close and moving, and the remaining items were mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices 1 cent higher than last Monday's levels. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Trading reported for this week deliveries at mainly higher prices. Offerings were easily adequate to cover the light buyers' needs. Demand was lighter by stores as interest was concentrated on Thanksgiving Day items, fast food fairly good. Dealers reported overall satisfactory weekend clearance. The market tone remained firm on wings with balance of parts generally steady. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-32.5 and 4/10s 32.5-37, breast bone-in 79-88 and boneless 130-144, wings 101-104, boneless leg meat 73-78. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 2.86 to 63.46 with the volume reported down 10 percent from last Mondays' level.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority delivered prices increased 2 cents into Chicago, unchanged elsewhere from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to firm. Offerings light for the limited trade interest. Retail and food service demand was seasonally slow to moderate, occasionally good into fast food. Traditional holiday items were clearing well. Floor stocks mostly in close balance. Weights desirable. Trade on wings and livers was good, other parts limited. Wings remain tight to short, remaining parts were adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on dark meat cuts and about steady on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair entering the week, with many buyers turning their attention to other traditional holiday items. Seller offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available. Dark meat items adequate. Wings were adequate to well cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	58-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.94
NO. OF BOXES	7,901

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light and unaggressive entering the holiday week. Offerings of breast items were readily available. Dark meat cuts and wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was limited as interest centered around traditional Thanksgiving fare. The market tone remained cautious on breast items, but mostly seasonally steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

OCTOBER 27 ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED	WTD TRADING AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	144.43	723,780
TENDERLOINS	145	143.41	128,900
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	80.57	138,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	74.99	108,120
LEGS	38-39	37.56	359,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.22	384,284
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	37.78	167,366
THIGHS	34-35	41.09	62,490
B/S THIGHS	85-86	89.03	101,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	97.65	173,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	41,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.14	13,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.84	26,800

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,024	122.00-194.00	131-137	136.97
TENDERLOINS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	248	74.00-91.00	76-79	79.38
FRONT HALVES		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	900	26.00-28.00	26	26.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,066	27.00-29.00	28	27.90
WINGS (WHOLE)	552	67.00-99.00	95	93.95
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS		NO TRADING REPORTED		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/24	11/20	11/20	11/17	11/13
ALA	3,972	3,807	5.17	3,873	5.11
ARK	5,399	5,241	5.00	5,304	4.97
DELMARVA	2,144	2,163	5.51	2,156	5.47
KY-LA-TN	1,967	1,960	4.81	1,973	4.85
MISS	2,968	2,977	5.39	2,995	5.25
NC	2,112	2,159	6.21	2,399	6.14
TEXAS	2,470	2,500	4.86	2,212	4.79
TOTAL	21,032	20,807	5.23	20,912	5.19
MON	21,032 (A)			20,912 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Nov 2003 is estimated to be 31,466,000 up 0.27 percent from a week ago and up 5.36 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,381,000; last year 29,866,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	877	127.00-223.00	128-131	130.24
TENDERLOINS	543	141.00-215.00	142-149	149.01
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	81.00-93.00	81-83	82.55
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	106	35.00-50.00	35-37	36.63
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	255	24.00-29.00	26	26.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,094	29.00-33.00	29-30	29.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	97.00-102.00	99-100	99.58
WINGS (CUT)	400	107.00-120.00	110-115	111.58
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	87	87.00-100.00	-	90.75

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	49.50-54.50	52.23
		51.96

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 24-NOV-2003 TO 28-NOV-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	137.00 - 152.00	141.00 - 149.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	77.00 - 98.00	77.00 - 82.00
LEGS	31.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 34.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	37.00 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	34.00 - 44.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	87.00 - 107.00	92.00 - 95.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600-625

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	99-100
	DRY PACK	101-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

21-NOV-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-22.00	-	526,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.84			
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-22.00	11.00-15.00	1,604,000	364,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.93	11.77		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	41,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for reduced holiday schedules. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 24-NOV-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	6-9	8-9	8.45
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

21-NOV-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	22.00	13.50-14.00	101,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	22.00	13.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	19.00	12.00-17.00	978,400	612,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	14.96		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-NOV-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5	8-9	9.05

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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